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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Michael J. Malanick  
Acting Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Agency Archives and Records Center (U)

1. (U) Action Requested: None; for information only.
2. (C) Background: The Agency Archives and Records Center,



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(U/AIUO) The function of the Records Center is to provide secure storage and a quick reference and retrieval service for the semi-active records of the Agency. Records are accessioned into the Records Center on the basis of a job and box number assigned at the time of accessioning and all records and/or service requests are based on this job and box number. Under this system, Records Center personnel cannot search for material by subject though such a search could be conducted by the depositing organization if they have properly documented their deposits. In its current role, the Records Center usually functions only as a caretaker for the records that are stored there and Records Center personnel are only authorized to do exactly what the depositing organizations may authorize them to do with the records entrusted to their care. Often this authority may be nothing more than seeing that a given box is stored so that it, or a portion of the material contained therein, may be furnished to the depositor upon request.

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